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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT

a.) Preliminary Remarks.

In response to the final Office Action, mail dated April 17, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of the Applicant's amendments and remarks below.